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Goodwill® Donates 50k Children’s Books to Long Beach Schools

Long Beach, CA—October 17, 2017—Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC) is donating more than 50,000 children’s books to 16 Long Beach schools this month. The gently used books were originally donated at Goodwill SOLAC donation centers. The total value of the books is estimated at \$100,000.

“Books are so powerful for children. So it’s crucial to expose them to a world of imagination, showing them that nothing is impossible in this world,” said Goodwill SOLAC President and CEO Janet McCarthy, who also noted that her brother’s recently published book reminded her how as a child she developed her love of culture and travel. “These books represent a wide range of children’s literature and reading levels – from preschool-age to primary school-age levels. We’re pleased to donate these books to the Long Beach Unified School District, which has been a terrific educational partner to our organization.”

“Thank you to Goodwill SOLAC for this generous donation of books, which will help support literacy efforts for thousands of students,” said Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser. “We have long appreciated our partnership with Goodwill SOLAC, and this donation is another prime example of Goodwill’s exemplary support of our students and schools.”

The schools that will receive the books are: Addams Elementary, Bancroft/Rogers Middle Schools, Chavez Elementary, Grant Elementary, Holmes Elementary, Hudson K-8 School, Hughes Middle School, Jefferson Leadership Academies, Longfellow Elementary, Muir K-8 School, Powell K-8 School, Robinson K-8 School, Roosevelt Elementary, Stevenson Elementary, Washington Middle School, and Willard Elementary.

Goodwill SOLAC is a nonprofit organization that transforms donated goods into job training, education and placement services for individuals with barriers to employment. Goodwill SOLAC serves 22 cities and communities throughout Southern Los Angeles County. Goodwill SOLAC’s main facility—located at 800 W. Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach—houses its administrative offices, training programs, processing operations, transportation fleet, LiNKS Sign Language & Interpreting Services, a retail store and its e-commerce operations. To learn more about the Goodwill career services or to find your nearest Goodwill store or donation center, visit www.ThinkGood.org.

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Photo Caption #1:

(From left) Roosevelt Elementary School Teacher Librarian Darla Castillo stands next to Goodwill SOLAC President and CEO Janet McCarthy as they hold children’s books inside of Goodwill SOLAC’s donations processing center.

Photo Caption #2

Goodwill SOLAC President and CEO Janet McCarthy

Photo Caption #3

Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser